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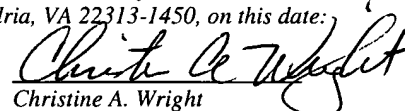
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

New grounds of rejection have been presented. Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over May apparently in view of official notice. However, the office action does not specifically state that official notice is being taken. In any event, the system of May would not allow row headings and/or column headings because this would interfere with the cell ordering ability of May to provide improved flexibility and profitability of May's system. In fact, it appears that May could not use the row headings and column headings of Applicant's claimed invention because May operates in a completely different manner through using sub levels of categories indicated by text within the icons themselves. Having row and column headings would be duplicative. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance.